

INTERNSHIP SYLLABUS

AUGMENTEE, EUCOM JOINT CONTACT TEAM PROGRAM (JCTP) MILITARY LIAISON TEAM, BELARUS INT-104

1. Internship Program Description

The Internship Program of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies' Foreign Area Officer Program is designed to provide FAO students practical, first-hand experience to supplement and extend the resident training and instruction they receive. All FAO students will complete a minimum of one 3-month internship working in support of an U.S. agency in Eastern Europe or Eurasia. The internship program provides first-hand exposure to issues confronting Eastern Europe and Eurasian states; enhanced language and interpretation skill gained by realistic use of the language; deeper understanding of and appreciation for the host nation's contemporary culture, customs, and trends; and a unique training opportunity for FAO students in preparation for future assignments.

2. JCTP Internship Description

- a. The internship with the JCTP allows the FAO student the opportunity to live and serve as the Operations Officer for the Military Liaison Team in Minsk, Belarus. During the course of their duties, FAO students will interact on a daily basis with the Belarusian Ministry of Defense, the United States Embassy, agencies of the Department of Defense, and civilian companies. The JCTP program strives to show the Belarusians how a military in a democracy functions. This is accomplished through a series of visits and exchanges between U.S. and Belarusian military units.
- b. This internship lasts for 90 days. FAO students live in an apartment on the host nation's economy. Normally, work is conducted five to six days a week, 10-12 hours a day.

3. Course objectives:

- a. At the end of this internship, FAO students should be familiar with and be able to discuss the U.S. Department of Defense initiatives of military cooperation with Belarus.
- b. Students should know current U.S. military-to-military programs with the Belarus. Students should be able to discuss the status of the programs and describe current events or trends that indicate progress with the programs or failure to meet the goals.
- c. Students should be able to explain the historical and political factors involved in any ongoing disputes and their impact on the goals and programs of the U.S. government.
- d. Students should be familiar with and be able to discuss the current political, economic, cultural, and religious trends in the host nation.

- e. Students should increase their Russian language skills and knowledge of host nation culture.

4. Course Standards

- a. The Military Liaison Team Chief provides verbal or written feedback on the student's internship. That information is incorporated into the students Officer Efficiency Report. A center of mass rating on the OER indicates successful accomplishment of course objectives a-d.
- b. Language skills are tested prior to and upon return from the internship.